

Operating Note

Agilent Technologies 11636B Power Divider DC to 26.5 GHz



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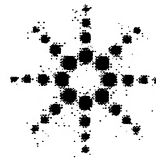
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This documentation supports a product that previously shipped under the Hewlett-Packard company brand name. The brand name has now been changed to Agilent Technologies. The two products are functionally identical, only our name has changed. The document still includes references to Hewlett-Packard products, some of which have been transitioned to Agilent Technologies.



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INTRODUCTION

From DC to 26.5 GHz, the HP 11636B provides excellent output power symmetry between the two output ports. Its design provides excellent source match for fault location applications using network analyzers. However, it is not recommended for ratio or source leveling applications.

The HP 11636B provides a symmetrical 6 dB power division. It can also be used as a power combiner: when signals are *input* at the two output ports, the sum of the two signals appears at the input port.

Specifications

MAXIMUM INPUT POWER: 0.5 W (27 dBm)

FREQUENCY RANGE: DC to 26.5 GHz

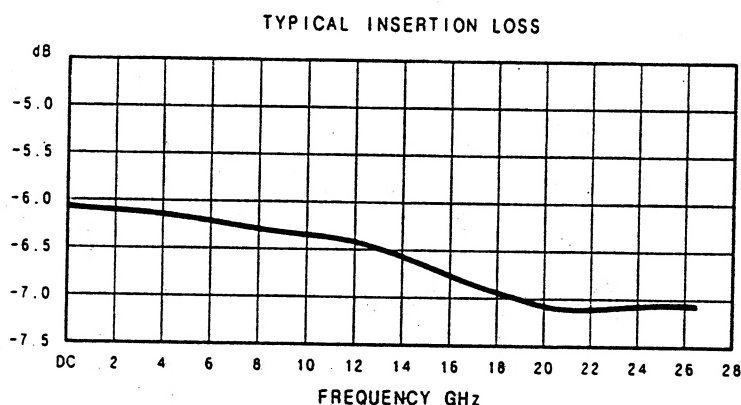
INPUT / OUTPUT SWR: DC to 10.0 GHz: ≤ 1.22

10.0 GHz to 26.5 GHz: ≤ 1.29

TRACKING BETWEEN OUTPUT PORTS: DC to 18.0 GHz: < 0.25 dB

18.0 to 26.5 GHz: < 0.50 dB

MAXIMUM INSERTION LOSS: < 7.5 dB (DC to 26.5 GHz)



PHASE TRACKING BETWEEN OUTPUT ARMS: < 3 Degrees, Typical

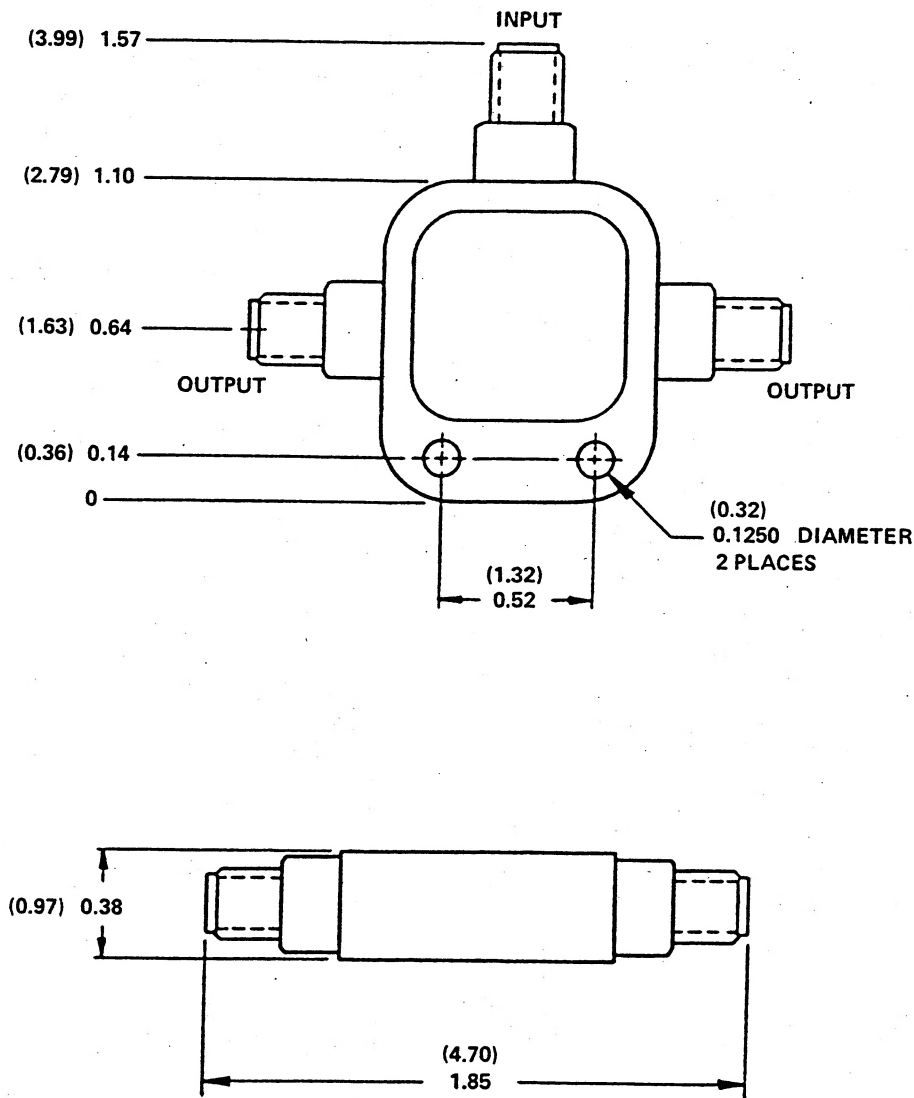
NOMINAL INSERTION LOSS: $6.0 \text{ dB} + 0.04 \text{ dB / GHz}$

NUMBER OF PORTS: Three

CONNECTORS: 3.5mm on all ports

Specifications (continued)

DIMENSIONS:



NOTE: Dimensions are given in inches (cm) and are maximum unless otherwise specified.

Mating Connectors

The mating connector for a 3.5mm female connector is a 3.5 mm male connector.

CAUTION

An SMA connector will mate with a 3.5mm connector, but only with the following considerations:

1. There are important differences in structure and dimensions between these two connectors:

3.5mm connectors are airline dielectric devices. Only air exists between the center and the outer conductors, and the male or female center conductor is supported by a small plastic *bead* recessed within the body of the connector. SMA connectors have a plastic dielectric that supports the entire length of the center conductor.

The diameters of both the center and the outer conductors differ between SMA and 3.5mm connectors. When an SMA connector is mated with a 3.5mm connector, the connection will exhibit a discontinuity mismatch (SWR) of 1.10 typical at 20 GHz (return loss = 26.5 dB). SMA and 3.5mm connectors should be mated only when a high connector mismatch can be tolerated.

2. SMA connectors are not precision mechanical devices and are especially susceptible to mechanical wear. Therefore, they may easily degrade so that they are out of specification. SMA connectors are also potentially damaging to 3.5mm connectors when mated with them.

A worn or out-of-spec SMA connector can permanently damage its mate **ON THE VERY FIRST CONNECTION**. Therefore, before making any connections, inspect both connectors for wear or damage of any kind. Check the mating plane dimensions with an appropriate connector gage. Both connectors must be within specification. If they are not, permanent damage may result.

Give special attention to the SMA male pin. A male pin that is too long may smash or break the delicate fingers on a 3.5mm female connector. Carefully align the two connectors: when the male contact is concentric with the female, push both of them straight together. Do not rotate or overtighten either center conductor. Turn only the outer nut of the male connector and use a torque wrench (8 in-lb, 90 N-cm) for the final connections.

Refer to Table 1 for a list of precision 3.5mm adapters available from Hewlett-Packard. A precision 3.5mm (M) to precision 3.5mm (M) adapter (HP Part No. 1250-1864), or a precision airline, can be used to extend the life of the HP 11636B connectors.

Operating Environment

The operating environment should be within the following limits:

Temperature 0° to +55°C (+32° to +131°F)
 Humidity Up to 95% relative
 Altitude Up to 4,572 meters (15,000 feet)

Adjustments

The HP 11636B power divider requires no electrical or mechanical adjustments.

Service

The circuit elements of the HP 11636B are split into three identical channels. A malfunction will usually occur in only one channel and can be verified by moving the connection to another channel of the divider.

An ohmmeter can be used to check the continuity of the inner conductor connections. The resistance from either output center conductor to the input center conductor should be 33.3 ohms + – 2 ohms.

The HP 11636B has no field replaceable parts.

Table 1. Precision 3.5mm adapters available from Hewlett-Packard

Description	Part Number
Precision 3.5mm (M) to N (M)	1250-1743
Precision 3.5mm (M) to N (F)	1250-1750
Precision 3.5mm (F) to N (M)	1250-1744
Precision 3.5mm (F) to N (F)	1250-1745
Precision 3.5mm (M) to Precision 7mm	1250-1746
Precision 3.5mm (F) to Precision 7mm	1250-1747
Precision 3.5mm (M) to Precision 3.5mm (M)	1250-1864
Precision 3.5mm (F) to Precision 3.5mm (F)	1250-1865
Precision 3.5mm (M) to Precision 3.5mm (F)	1250-1866

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